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## SPRINGFIELD.

## Collector Harper's Reception at the Leland House.

## Friends Confident of His Acquittal and the Conviction of Smith.

## Proceedings in the Illinois Legislature Yesterday.

## The Senate Almost a Tie on the Compulsory Education Bill.

## A Bill to Admit of Enlightened Jurymen Passed to a Third Reading.

## Proposed Increase of the State Treasurer's Bond to \$5,000,000.

## Passage in the House of the Cook County Fees Bill.

## COLLECTOR HARPER'S CASE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 22.—John T. Harper arrived here this morning, and took Room No. 1 at the Leland House. His coming had been looked for here ever since the people learned through the columns of THE TRIBUNE that he had received a safe conduct from the Court to return.

He had been through all day with his friends who called to congratulate him, and he had a perfect command of his faculties, and was able to answer to the truth that many of them have believed and still do.

RELATIVE TO BE DECEASED.

If he had been tried by the crowd who met him to-night as he passed out of the room and into the street, a verdict of acquittal would have been reached by the unanimous verdict of the jury.

He was accompanied by his brother, W. H. Harper, and Joseph Castle, his brother-in-law.

AN INTERVIEW.

Your correspondent called upon him to-night, and was pleasantly received. He and THE TRIBUNE, in its editorial columns and its correspondence, had treated him fairly. He declined to make any statement concerning what he should say and do while here.

He was under the pressure of the case, and he would speak when called upon to do so officially.

His health is poor, and his appearance indicates that he has suffered from the case, and mentally. As has been stated, he has been in Canada since his departure from here, but at that point he did not stay long.

HE FLEW TO NEW YORK A LITTLE.

They submitted the following proposition: The Fekins Disabling Company and a capital stock of \$200,000, of which the company had \$50,000 of stock, or one-sixteenth part of the whole. This amount earned him his salary of \$20,000 and \$15,000.

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work, which, according to the estimate of the Committee would make a difference of \$875 in the Agricultural report alone. The printer claims that from time to time the printer has charged for the printer's work. Another dispute is on the claim of the printer to get a cent an impression for work embraced in the fifth class of printing, whereas the Committee hold that under the law they are entitled to only a quarter a cent an impression. This is an item of some importance. For instance, there were printed some 100,000 copies of the report of the Committee on the improvement of the State, which would be worth \$2,500, while, according to the estimate of the Committee, only \$625 would be paid for the printing. The application of the printer to appear by counsel, and that the counsel should be the Attorney-General, took the Committee in the hands of the printer. The Committee is of the opinion that the Attorney-General should be their adviser, if he gave any advice in the premises. When the printer was called to the stand, the impression that there have been overcharges outside the contract will probably be verified.

THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. The report of the Finance Committee, appointed by the House to investigate the condition of the State Treasury and audit the money, was presented this afternoon, and was a very extraordinary state of affairs. It speaks well for the position of the gentleman who has occupied the position of State Treasurer, while there has been nothing comparatively to be said for the honesty, they have all proved faithful to the duty of the office. The Finance Committee report that they found the amount of money in the Treasurer's vault called for by the accounts of the Treasurer, and the Auditor's office, but when they came to consider the consequences to the State which would result in case of a default, they discovered that, through the most astonishing neglect somewhere, no adequate security is provided by law for the safety or honest handling of the people's money.

THE TREASURER'S BOND. The present Assembly last April passed a law requiring the State Treasurer to give a bond of two or more sufficient securities, in the sum of \$500,000, and the Governor is empowered in his case to make a default, and about \$100,000, an equal amount. On inquiring from the present Treasurer, the Committee learned that the Treasurer's bond was not required by the old law of 1848, which required a bond for only \$100,000. That law empowers the Governor to give an additional bond of \$100,000. However, Mr. Blair, who is now the Treasurer, has not done so, and the law, so as to remove any doubt as to the legality of a second bond hereafter made, and it was ordered to be amended.

CATING OUT STATIONS. The bills regarding the manner of crying out on the public roads, and concerning the killing of dogs, were passed and published by the Committee.

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